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PORTAGEVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 90 MONTHS FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

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A Portageville, Missouri man was sentenced today for unlawful possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway.

RICHARD ROWE, age 34, was sentenced to 90 months on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. He appeared before United States District Judge Henry E. Autrey.

On August 6, 2004, a woman called the Portageville Police Department and reported that she had found a firearm in the residence that she had shared with Richard Rowe. The officers responded to the residence and recovered a Llama, .45 caliber pistol. Mr. Rowe was contacted by the police officers. He stated that he had purchased the pistol about one month earlier from an unidentified man for \$50.00. The pistol had previously been stolen on June 20, 2004, from

another resident of Portageville, Missouri. Due to Mr. Rowe's prior felony convictions, he is prohibited by law from possessing firearms.

Hanaway praised the Portageville Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for their work on the case. Assistant United States Attorney Keith D. Sorrell handled the prosecution for the Government.